

REMARKS

In the previous amendments to the specification, Applicant's attorneys inadvertently claimed priority to Irish Application S1999/0016 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Accordingly, the current amendment corrects this oversight and clarifies the claim of priority for this application as a continuation of PCT/IE00/00004, filed on January 11, 2000 which claims the benefit of priority to Irish Application No. S1999/0016, filed on January 11, 1999.

CONCLUSION

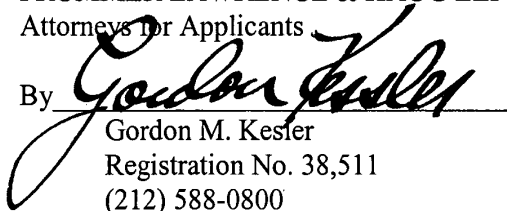
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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